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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO HONDURAS

1. GOH MINECON BENNATON REPORTEDLY TRAVELLED TO CARACAS ON NOVEMBER 13 TO DISCUSS WITH GOV POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED PURCHASES OF HONDURAN PRODUCTS, ESPECIALLY COFFEE AND WOOD. SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL MARKETS FOR HONDURAN COFFEE PROBABLY RESULT OF RECENT EXEMPTION FROM CROP RETENTION COMMITMENTS GRANTED HONDURAS BY COFFEE PRODUCERS GROUP AT MEETING IN LONDON. INCREASED SALES OF WOOD WOULD SPARK SLUMPING LUMBER INDUSTRY AND BLUNT PRIVATE SECTOR CRITICISM OF STATE-RUN LUMBER EXPORT CORPORATION.

2. BENNATON'S ARRIVAL IN VENEZUELA FOLLOWS BY ONE DAY END OF SIX-DAY VISIT OF VENEZUELAN "TECHNICAL" MISSION (REPORTEDLY SENT BY PRESIDENT PEREZ) TO EXPLORE POSSI-
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BILITIES OF INCREASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE

TWO COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, MISSION
WILL RESULT IN VENEZUELAN COOPERATION IN "MASSIVE
PROGRAM" FOR CULTIVATION OF BLACK BEANS, SORGHUM, AND
AFRICAN PALM. AGREEMENT TO FACILITATE MARKETING OF
THOSE PRODUCTS IN VENEZUELA ALSO REACHED. OTHER AREAS
DISCUSSED WIRE POSSIBLE FINANCIAL HELP IN CONSTRUCTION
OF A PULP AND PAPER PLANT, MEAT PRODUCTION, AND DEVELOPMENT
OF THE AGUAN VALLEY.
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